

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 BELFAS 00294 191851Z

66

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-15 /069 W

----- 052976

R 191609Z AUG 76

FM AMCONSUL BELFAST

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1396

INFO AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

USNAVCOMMSTA LONDON DERRY

UNCLAS BELFAST 294

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, UK, EI

SUBJECT: ATTACK MISSES ORANGE ORDER LEADER

1. GUNMEN INVADDED HOME OF BELFAST ORANGE ORDER LEADER THOMAS PASSMORE NIGHT AUGUST 18 AND SHOT AND WOUNDED PASSMORE'S ELDERLY FATHER AND A FEMALE NEIGHBOR, ALSO ELDERLY. PASSMORE WAS NOT HOME AT TIME. HE IS OUTSPOKEN CRITIC OF VIOLENCE, OF PROVISIONAL IRA AND OF SECRETARY OF STATE MERLYN REES. HE HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN RECENT MONTHS IN HELPING HOLD LOYALTIES OF ORDER FOR GRAND MASTER REV. MARTIN SMYTH WHO UNDER FIRE FROM SOME ORANGEMEN FOR MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY.

2. CONSERVATIVE SPOKESMEN AIRERY NEAVE AND JOHN BIGGS-DAVISON ENDED THREE DAY VISIT TO PROVINCE AUGUST 18. NEAVE STATEMENT EXPRESSED CONVICTION THAT CONSERVATIVES CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT SECURITY POLICY WAS JUSTIFIED, THAT THERE WIDESPREAD AGREEMENT THAT TIME IS RIPE FOR NEW MOVES AGAINST TERRORISM. NEAVE CALLED FOR CHANGE IN RULES OF EVIDENCE, SHIFTING BURDEN OF PROOF TO THOSE ACCUSED OF CERTAIN TERRORIST OFFENSES. CONSERVATIVES MET WITH MINISTER ROLAND MOYLE SINCE SECRETARY OF STATE REES BEGAN SHORT VACATION AUGUST 17.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BELFAS 00294 191851Z

3. MALE PROTESTANT EXECUTED AUGUST 18 BELFAST IN WHAT MAY
BE INCIDENT IN NEW OUTBREAK FEUD BETWEEN LOYALIST PARAMILITARIES.
SOLDIER SHOT AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY SNIPER WEST BELFAST NIGHT
AUGUST 18.
SPICER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PARAMILITARY FORCES, TERRORISTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 19 AUG 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976BELFAS00294
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760319-0106
From: BELFAST
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760840/aaaabifr.tel
Line Count: 66
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 21 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <21 APR 2004 by ReddocGW>; APPROVED <08 DEC 2004 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ATTACK MISSES ORANGE ORDER LEADER
TAGS: PINT, UK, EI, IRA, (PASSMORE, THOMAS)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006